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**TO:** Medicare-Medicaid Plans  
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**SUBJECT:** Updated Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model Core Quality  
Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 10

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the updated *Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 10*. This document replaces the former version for DY 2 through 10 released on November 22, 2022. We are releasing this updated version to revise measure CW13 – Encounter Data to include instructions for requesting the removal of denied claims from the measure calculation. No other changes were made to the quality withhold measures or benchmarks. We will evaluate Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) in accordance with this document for all forthcoming quality withhold determinations.

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